

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE
ON
HEALTH POLICY**

Tuesday, January 31, 2006

10:30 a.m.

Room 521 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Health Policy was called to order by the Chair.

Members present: Reps. Gaffney, Newell, Robertson, Vander Veen, Hune, Nofs, Ball, Green, Kahn, Mortimer, Adamini, Wojno, McDowell, Murphy, Gleason, Angerer.

Members absent/excused: Reps. Ward.

Representative Robertson moved to approve the minutes of the January 24, 2006 meeting. Representative Adamini supported the motion. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid HB 5544 before the committee.

HB 5544 Stakoe Health facilities; staffing; requirements for utilization of surgical technologists; require.

Representative John Stakoe, sponsor of HB 5544, testified in support of the bill. Questions and discussion among committee members followed.

Joe Long of the Michigan State Assembly of the Association of Surgical Technologists testified in support of the bill. Questions and discussion among committee members followed.

Dave Finkbeiner of the Michigan Health and Hospital Association and Mary Munson of Munson Medical Center testified in opposition to the bill. Mr. Finkbeiner and Ms. Munson also submitted written testimony. Questions and discussion among committee members followed.

Julia Jackson, Paula Hayes, Rebecca Pieknik, Laurel Johnson, and Diamond Oakley of the Michigan State Assembly of the Association of Surgical Technologists testified in support of the bill. Ms. Jackson also submitted written testimony.

The following individuals submitted cards in support of the bill, but did not wish to testify:

Lynda Custer of the Michigan State Assembly of the Association of Surgical Technologists.
Paula Vollmer of Grand Haven.
Brenda Mae Chilcote of Muskegon.
Kimberly Vossekuil of Muskegon.

The following individuals submitted cards in opposition to the bill, but did not wish to testify:

Colin Ford of the Michigan State Medical Society. Mr. Ford also submitted written testimony. Kathy Nimmo of Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital Medical Center.

Orlene Christie of the Michigan Department of Community Health submitted a card indicating a neutral position on the bill, but did not wish to testify.

The Chair laid HB 5493 before the committee.

HB 5493 Stakoe Occupations; nurses; nurse licensure compact; create.

Representative John Stakoe, sponsor of HB 5493; and Dee Tyler of the American Association of Occupational Health Nurses, Association of Occupational Health Practitioners, and the Michigan Health and Hospital Association testified in support of the bill. Questions and discussion among committee members followed.

Orlene Christie and Melanie Brim of the Michigan Department of Community Health testified and indicated a neutral position on the bill. Questions and discussion among committee members followed.

Dave Finkbeiner of the Michigan Health and Hospital Association testified in support of the bill. Mr. Finkbeiner also submitted written testimony. Questions and discussion among committee members followed.

Kathy Nimmo of Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital submitted a card in support of the bill, but did not wish to testify.

Tom Bissonnette of the Michigan Nurses Association submitted a card indicating a neutral position on the bill, but did not wish to testify. Mr. Bissonnette also submitted written testimony.

Representative Vander Veen moved to excuse the absence of Representative Ward. Representative Nofs supported the motion. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

There being no further business before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:54 a.m.

Representative Edward Gaffney, Chair_____

Dan Stump, Committee Clerk
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